

REMARKS

I. Support for the Amendments to the Specification

Support for the amendment to the specification can be found in the PCT application as filed and in the PCT Request (PCT/RO/101), a copy of which is filed herewith.

The present invention is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage of PCT application PCT/US2003/031483, filed October 3, 2003, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application 60/416,356, filed October 4, 2002, the disclosures of both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

II. Support for the Amendments to the Claims

Claims 2, 5, 35, and 66 have been amended and claims 36-65 and 67-76 have been canceled without prejudice to their pursuit in an appropriate continuation or divisional application.

Support for the amendments to claims 2, 5, 35, and 66 can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. The amendments to claims 2 and 5 are technical in nature and support for these amendments can be found in the original language of claims 2 and 5, respectively. Support for the amendments to claims 35 and 66 can be found in the language of claims 27 and 57 and in the specification, e.g., on page 14, lines 1-2; with additional support on page 11, lines 5-7; on page 13, lines 28-32; on page 16, lines 1-5; and in the Examples.

III. Support for the Amendments to the Abstract

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Abstract, which was the Abstract originally filed in PCT/US2003/031483, filed October 3, 2003, and which appears on the cover sheet of WO 2004/033470 (publication of PCT/US2003/031483).

IV. Conclusion

It is believed that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no extension of time is required. If any extension of time is required, the Examiner is authorized to treat this as a conditional petition for an extension of time. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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